

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition comprising at least a plant-derived resin (A) and a flame retardant (B), wherein the weight proportions of the individual components in the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition are:

$$30 \leq W_1 < 55.5$$

$$44.5 < X_1 \leq 70$$

wherein W_1 is the percentage by mass of the plant-derived resin (A) and X_1 is the percentage by mass of the flame retardant (B), and 90% by mass or more of the flame retardant (B) is composed of a metal hydrate containing an alkali metal-based substance in an amount of 0.2% by mass or less.

2. (Original) A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition comprising at least a plant-derived resin (A), a flame retardant (B) and an aromatic ring-containing compound (C), wherein the weight proportions of the individual components in the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition are:

$$25 \leq W_2 < 55.5$$

$$39.5 \leq X_2 \leq 70$$

$$0.5 \leq Y \leq 20$$

wherein W_2 is the percentage by mass of the plant-derived resin (A), X_2 is the percentage by mass of the flame retardant (B), and Y is the percentage by mass of the aromatic ring-containing compound (C), and 90% by mass or more of the flame retardant (B) is composed of a metal hydrate containing an alkali metal-based substance in an amount of 0.2% by mass or less.

3. (Original) A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition comprising at least a plant-derived resin (A), a flame retardant (B), an aromatic ring-containing compound (C) and a

nucleating agent (D), wherein the weight proportions of the individual components in the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition are:

$$25 \leq W_3 < 55.5$$

$$29.5 \leq X_3 \leq 70$$

$$0.5 \leq Y \leq 20$$

$$0.05 < Z \leq 20$$

wherein W_3 is the percentage by mass of the plant-derived resin (A), X_3 is the percentage by mass of the flame retardant (B), Y is the percentage by mass of the aromatic ring-containing compound (C), and Z is the percentage by mass of the nucleating agent (D), and 90% by mass or more of the flame retardant (B) is composed of a metal hydrate containing an alkali metal-based substance in an amount of 0.2% by mass or less.

4. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to Claim 2, wherein the aromatic ring-containing compound (C) is a compound selected from the group consisting of phenols, silicone compounds and boron compounds.
5. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the plant-derived resin (A) is a polylactic acid resin.
6. (Currently amended) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1, further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less to the total weight mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.
7. (Currently amended) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total weight mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

8. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to Claim 3, wherein the aromatic ring-containing compound (C) is a compound selected from the group consisting of phenols, silicone compounds and boron compounds.
9. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 2, wherein the plant-derived resin (A) is a polylactic acid resin.
10. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 3, wherein the plant-derived resin (A) is a polylactic acid resin.
11. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 4, wherein the plant-derived resin (A) is a polylactic acid resin.
12. (Currently amended) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 2, further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less to the total weight mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.
13. (Currently amended) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 3, further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less to the total weight mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.
14. (Currently amended) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 4, further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less to the total weight mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.
15. (Currently amended) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 5, further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less to the total weight mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

16. (Currently amended) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 2, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total weight mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

17. (Currently amended) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 3, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total weight mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

18. (Currently amended) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 4, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total weight mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

19. (Currently amended) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 5, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total weight mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

20. (Currently amended) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 6, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total weight mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.